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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

This is really bad for these older senior citizens whom are already struggling to make ends meet on a fixed income. They need to try to live as well and buy food, This is just awful and duke energy should be ashamed of themselves. This saying is true. The richer getting richer the poorer getting poorer. Some working people are having a hard time with paying their power bill as is. This will make the economy much worse in this state as well . Thankyou

Sincerely,  
Jennifer and Thomas Figueroa

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